

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 630
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Robin Manning, Memphis native,
upon being chosen to compete in the television
series, *America's Next Top Model*.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those gifted young people, who through ambition, great talent, and hard work, rise above the general population to reach for greatness in their chosen professions; and

WHEREAS, one such gifted young woman is Robin Manning, who was born in Memphis to Diane and Robert Manning; she graduated from Whitehaven High School where she was a majorette and went on to attend Tennessee State University where she earned a Master's degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Robin has won several pageant titles, including Miss Tennessee State University and Miss Nashville in 2000; in preparation, she went straight from high school to Paris, living in cramped models' apartments, and enduring the loneliness of separation from home and family and the cattiness of competition; and

WHEREAS, having studied everything about the fashion industry and having taught herself how to walk and present herself, Robin quickly rose above her competitors, not only because of her beauty, but also because of her mastery of the subject and her discipline and intelligence; and

WHEREAS, Robin has been described by her mother as a big-hearted girl who is always trying to help underprivileged children at her parents' day care centers and as a beautiful, religious mother figure whose character will become apparent to the viewers; and

WHEREAS, Robin Manning, a statuesque beauty at five feet ten inches and 165 pounds, will join nine other aspiring young models on the opening show of *America's Next Top Model*, Tuesday, May 20, 2003, on which Tyra Banks will thrust the ten contestants into eight weeks of modeling "boot camp" in New York to endure cat fights, bikini waxes, and modeling shoots atop skyscrapers, among the other rigors of the reality show; and

WHEREAS, the winner will be offered a Revlon modeling contract and other rewards for a successful competition; show creator, Supermodel Tyra Banks, assures that the show is "...not just about the prettiest face ...it's about the complete package: the brains, the beauty, the personality"; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is convinced that Robin Manning enters the competition armed with all the outstanding personal, physical, and character traits necessary to be a winner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Robin Manning, Memphis native, upon being selected as a contestant for *America's Next Top Model*, and offer her our best wishes for her success in the competition and in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

